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COUNTRY **Rumania**

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1. A naval and submarine base was under construction on the coast about two kilometers northeast of the Port of Constanta.

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30 to 40 two meter cube concrete blocks in an area enclosed by barbed wire. One Rumanian guard in soldier's clothing armed with a gun was observed on foot. The area extends about 1500 to 2000 meters along the coast where high cliffs about 100 meters in height are located. About 50 laborers were observed in the area.

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the Rumanian naval base at the Port of Constanta would be moved to the new site when construction was completed.

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a submarine base was to be constructed there.

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the construction appeared to have been underway for about 5 to 6 months

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the area on the coast at the site of this construction forms a rather large inlet would be suitable for a naval and submarine base.

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2. A Soviet type minesweeper of about 500 tons was observed at the naval base in the Port of Constanta. This vessel appeared to be in new condition and to be a new addition to the Rumanian Navy. It was flying a Rumanian flag. This is the first observation of this vessel at Constanta

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3. A new asphalt road, about 4 meters wide, extending the length of the petroleum pier, was observed. This road was recently constructed and meshes with the general road system in the port area.

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4. A Rumanian hydrographic ship of about 500 tons was observed in the port. This ship was unarmed and appeared to be in an excellent state of maintenance. Radar and radio equipment are contained aboard.

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